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1188	1/19/49	Albany teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
1189	1/19/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Baltimore	1	no	released in full
1190	1/19/49	New Haven teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
1191	1/19/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
1192	1/19/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1193	1/19/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Philadelphia	1	no	released in full
1194	1/19/49	Newark teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1195	1/19/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
1196	1/19/49	San Francisco teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1197	1/19/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	yes	
1198	1/19/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	yes	
1199	1/19/49	Birmingham teletype to New York	1	no	released in full

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1200	1/17/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Memphis	1	no	released in full
1201	1/18/49	Cincinnati teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1202 12/	12/29/48	San Diego report to Bureau	2	yes	
1203	1/18/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
1204	1/19/49	Cincinnati letter to Bureau	1	yes	
1205	1/20/49	Newark report to Bureau	12	yes	
1206	1/10/49	San Francisco teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1207	1/18/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	yes	
1208	1/19/49	New York memo	3	no	released in full
1209	1/18/49	Bureau teletype to Newark	2	yes	
1210	1/19/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
1211	1/18/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	

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1212	1/18/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1213	1/19/49	Lab report to New York	1	yes	
1214	1/19/49	Lab report to Baltimore	1	yes	
1215	1/19/49	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
1216	1/19/49	Bureau letter to Detroit	1	yes	
1216A	1/19/49	Richmond letter to Director	1	yes	
1217	1/19/49	Birmingham letter to New York		no	released in full
1218	1/20/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1219	1/20/49	New York teletype to Bureau	3	yes	
1220	1/20/49	Washington Field Office complaint form	1	no	released in full
1221	1/20/49	New Haven teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1222	1/20/49	St. Paul teletype to Bureau	2	yes	

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1223	1/20/49	Albany teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1224	1/20/49	New Haven teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1225	1/20/49	Charlotte teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1226	1/20/49	San Francisco teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1227	1/20/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
1228	1/20/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1229	1/20/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1230	1/20/49	Cincinnati teletype to Bureau	3	yes	
1231	1/14/49	New York memo	3	no	released in full
1232	7/5/44	Bureau letter to Dallas	1	yes	
1233	1/19/49	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
1234	1/19/49	Bureau letter to New York	1	yes	

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1235	1/20/49	Seattle teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
1236	1/20/49	Newark teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1237	1/20/49	Chicago teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1238	1/20/49	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1239	1/20/49	Newark teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1240	1/20/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1241	1/20/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1242	1/20/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
1243	1/20/49	New York teletype to Bureau	3	yes	
1244	1/20/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1245	1/20/49	New York teletype to Albany	1	yes	
1246	1/20/49	New York teletype to Mobile	5	yes	

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1247	1/20/49	San Francisco teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1248	1/21/49	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1249	1/18/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
1250	1/18/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
1251	1/18/49	Bureau letter to New York	4	yes	
1252	1/20/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
1253	1/21/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
1254	1/27/49	Los Angeles letter to Bureau	2	yes	
1255	1/19/49	Detroit report to Bureau	4	yes	
1256	1/19/49	St. Paul report to Bureau	4	yes	
1257	1/21/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	2	yes	
1258	1/21/49	Chicago teletype to Bureau	2	yes	

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1259	1/20/49	Baltimore letter to Bureau	1	yes	
1260	1/20/49	New Haven report to Bureau	1	yes	
1261	1/20/49	New Haven report to New York	2	yes	
1262	1/20/49	Richmond report to Bureau	6	yes	
1263	1/21/49	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1264	1/21/49	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
1265	1/21/49	Newark teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1266	1/21/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1267	1/21/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1268	1/21/49	Albany teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1269	1/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1270	1/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	

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1271	1/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1272	1/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1273	1/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
1274	1/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau	4	yes	
1275	1/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1276	1/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1277	1/21/49	Kansas City teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1278	1/21/49	New York memo	2	yes	
1279	1/21/49	New York letter to Bureau	3	yes	
1280	1/21/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
1281	1/21/49	Detroit teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1282	1/21/49	San Francisco teletype to Bureau	1	yes	

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

New York, New York
January 19, 1949

Transmit the following Teletype message to: NEW HAVEN & BUREAU URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. ETAL., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R. FELIX
INSLERMAN, IDENTIFIED BY CHAMBERS AS UNKNOWN FELIX BROUGHT TO BALTIMORE
TO PHOTOGRAPH DOCUMENTS FOR CP, STATES THAT IN NINETEEN FORTYTWO, WHILE
EMPLOYED AT GLENN L. MARTIN IN BALTIMORE OR REPUBLIC AIRCRAFT AT FARMINGDALE,
NY, HE FILED EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION WITH CHANCE-VOUGHT OR VOUGHT-SIKORSKY
AIRCRAFT IN CONNECTICUT. INSLERMAN BORN JULY ELEVEN NINETEEN TEN, ELECTRICAL
ENGINEER GRADUATE OF JOHNS HOPKINS. RESIDENCE IN FORTYTWO AT THIRTEEN FIR
DRIVE, MIDDLE RIVER, MARYLAND, OR ONE THREE ONE THIRTYFIFTH AVENUE, LINDENHURST,
NY. ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE APPLICATION AND SUTEL ALL INFO CONTAINED THEREIN.

SCHEIDT

MR. TOLSON	
MR. BOARDMAN	
MR. WHELAN	
MR. CLEGG	
MR. GLAVIN	
MR. LADD	
MR. NICHOLS	
MR. ROSEN	
MR. TRACY	
MR. HARBO	
MR. MOHR	
MR. WATSON	
CHIEF CLERK	
PROPERTY CLERK	
TRAINING UNIT	

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Card Cont. Re Felix Inslerman
New Haven
Lead made 1/21/49 - RND

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 6/16 M Per [Signature]

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- MR. SCHEIDT
- MR. BELMONT
- MR. WHELAN
- MR. COLLIER
- MR. GRANVILLE
- MR. KURRITZ
- MR. MARCHESSAULT
- MR. NOYNEGAN
- MR. NOONE
- NIGHT SUPERVISOR
- MR. QUINN
- MR. RING
- MR. SHANNON
- MR. TUBBY
- MR. WATSON
- SCHEE CLERK
- PROPERTY CLERK
- TRAINING UNIT

CONF 2 STATIONS
 BALTIMORE 8 AND NEW YORK 36 FROM WASH FIELD 19
 SAC URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, ESPIONAGE R, PERJURY.
 REQUEST BALTIMORE OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS OF MRS. CHAMBERS TAKEN
 AROUND NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE AND NINETEEN THIRTY SIX AND FORWARD
 TO THIS OFFICE SO AS TO REACH HERE MONDAY JAN TWENTY FOUR IF AT
 ALL POSSIBLE. EXPEDITE IN VIEW OF JAN THIRTY ONE DEADLINE.

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BUREAU ADVISED
 END BOTH STATIONS PLS DISC
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 BS JUST 2 MIN PLS
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MR. TOLSON	
MR. BOARDMAN	
MR. BELMONT	
MR. CLEGG	
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MR. WHELAN	
MR. WOOD	
MR. MOHR	
MR. BURNETT	
MR. GARDNER	
MR. HENRICH	
MR. JONES	
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MR. RYAN	
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MR. TERRY	
MR. WATSON	
MR. WOODRUFF	
MR. ZIEGLER	
TELE. ROOM	
MR. NEASE	
MISS GANDY	

PHILADELPHIA 13 NEW YORK 32 FROM WASHINGTON FIELD
 SACS URGENT

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.
 RE PHILADELPHIA TELETYPE JANUARY SEVENTEEN, LAST. NO RECORD FOUND
 HERE OF EDWARD BERLIN, JR. AND THEODORE DOMINIC ARCHITECTS, AT
 WASHINGTON, DC. IF NY DESIRES THEM INTERVIEWED, IT IS REQUESTED
 UFO BE FURNISHED WITH MORE IDENTIFYING INFO.

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NEW YORK 92 FROM WASHINGTON D C 19 11-35PM

SAC U R G E N T

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, ETAL; PER NY, 1-19-49
 REURTEL JANUARY NINETEEN. FURTHER HANDWRITTEN OR HANDPRINTED
 SPECIMENS OF ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS WOULD BE OF NO VALUE FOR
 COMPARISON WITH LIMITED HANDPRINTING OF SIXTY-FIVE DOCUMENTS.

W. H. Lister
JK Kelly
BF Pence

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

New York, New York
January 19, 1949

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BIRMINGHAM URGENT

J. D. W. CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE, R. REQUEST YOU FURNISH
PHOTOS OF BORIS ISRAEL, WAS, FORMER CP ORGANIZER IN YOUR DISTRICT; IF
AVAILABLE AUSD.

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cc - 100-12516

JJW:LSC
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Handwritten notes:
- *W. Trosby* (signature)
- *1/21/49 - Paid*
- *Sum*
- *W. Trosby* (signature)

NOTE: NO COPY OF THIS FURNISHED TO BUREAU BECAUSE BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES WERE REQUESTED TO FURNISH PHOTOGRAPHS IF AVAILABLE IN LONG TELETYPE DETAILING ISRAEL'S ACTIVITIES.

Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent *7:00 P* M Per *[Signature]*

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FBI (7A-0711)

FBI MEMPHIS

1-17-49

4-00 PM CST

JM

SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

URGENT

J. D. MITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESP-R,
IS-R

REURTEL FOURTEENTH LAST. ROBERT ORR, NASHVILLE ATTORNEY,
ADVISES JOHN PHILIP WENEIHELL, FORMERLY ASSISTANT SOLICITOR
GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY
FIVE TO THIRTYSIX, MAY HAVE INFORMATION OF VALUE RE ALGER

HISS.

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CC - NEW YORK

W.F.O.
Leadville
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United States Department of Justice

New York, New York

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January 18, 1949

MR. BELMONT	✓
MR. WHELAN	✓
MR. BRUSCO	✓
MR. CHANVILLE	✓
MR. LAMONT	✓
MR. TRUSTY	✓
MR. MACHESSEAU	✓
MR. MOHR	✓
MR. SUPERVISOR	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. TRACY	✓
MR. WATSON	✓
PROPERTY CLERK	✓
TRAINING UNIT	✓

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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Was; Et Al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

Re: MORRIS ASIMOV, alias AZIMOV

In connection with the attempted identification of the unknown KEITH and the latter's relationship with AZIMOV, related by CHAMBERS, he was interviewed by SA FRANCIS X. PLANT and the writer on January 18, 1949, and he furnished the following information.

In early 1935 CHAMBERS was introduced to a Soviet agent known only as BILL. BILL was very desirous to have CHAMBERS go to England to head a Soviet apparatus in that country, and some preliminary arrangements were made for the necessary cover for this mission. During the time that arrangements were being made for this cover, BILL related that he wanted to have a responsible person carry a money belt to the West coast, and suggested that CHAMBERS might be the person who could handle this mission. Subsequently, BILL gave CHAMBERS a money belt, which according to CHAMBERS contained a substantial amount of currency, probably \$10,000. BILL instructed CHAMBERS to proceed by train to San Francisco where he would be met by an individual who CHAMBERS would know, and who would accept the money from him. CHAMBERS traveled to San Francisco, registered at the Golden Gate Y.C.A. under the name of LLOYD CANTWELL. After he was there one or two days, an individual who introduced himself only as PETE came to the Y.C.A. and informed CHAMBERS that he was the person he was supposed to meet and turn the money belt over to. CHAMBERS was very vague as to how PETE knew him (CHAMBERS) or how this meeting in San Francisco was arranged.

However, he described PETE, who he subsequently knew as KEITH, as being in his upper 20's in 1935, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches tall, medium build, weight approximately 160 pounds, dark brown hair,

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complexion, peculiar eyes in that the upper eyelids on the outside of his face turned down, giving him somewhat of an oriental look, walked with a slight stoop, nationality American, and apparently raised on the West coast.

CHAMBERS related that he has some rather vague indication that he later learned that PETE or KEITH'S real name was CRANE. After the meeting in the Y:CA, PETE took CHAMBERS to an individual named VALKOFF whose home was located somewhere in the suburbs of San Francisco. VALKOFF was referred to almost reverently as "the old man" and according to CHAMBERS was an old time Communist Party member and underground worker on the West coast. Either PETE or CHAMBERS then turned the money belt over to VALKOFF and subsequently CHAMBERS returned to New York City.

In a prior interview with CHAMBERS, the latter related in connection with the unknown subject KEITH that he had never met AZIMOV, but that AZIMOV and one SVIASHINIKOV were friends of KEITH'S, and he gave some background data concerning these two individuals with the hope that the location of AZIMOV AND SVIASHINIKOV might turn up the unknown KEITH. However, when he was interviewed today, he stated that he had learned, probably through J. PETERS, that the latter had a contact, AZIMOV, who was the head of a research division of the United States Steel Company in Chicago, and that occasionally AZIMOV would travel from Chicago to New York City, where he would meet PETERS. CHAMBERS, of course, did not definitely know whether AZIMOV at this time is turning over documentary information to PETERS.

CHAMBERS also learned from PETERS that while AZIMOV was in San Francisco the latter had either made some discovery or obtained some information of material interest in connection with steel alloys. This latter information was supplied to PETERS probably via KEITH on the West Coast, and that PETERS had requested that this information be immediately turned over to the Russian Consul in San Francisco.

Reference is made to the report of SA HAROLD F. DODGE, dated January 7, 1949 at Los Angeles, in instant case. On Page 10 of this report it is indicated that AZIMOV was employed at the University of California at Berkeley as an instructor from June, 1931, to June, 1936, and that from June, 1936 to September, 1940 he was a research metallurgist at the Carnegie Illinois Steel Company in Chicago, and in 1937 he was placed in charge of research at the company's plant in Gary, Indiana. AZIMOV, when interviewed, related that on two occasions in the early 1930's he furnished technical information to a society in Berkeley, California

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whose purpose was the exchange of industrial technical knowledge between the United States and Russia; that in 1936, shortly after he began employment with the Carnegie Illinois Steel Company in Chicago, he was contacted by an individual whose last name he very vaguely recalled as GREEN and whose first name he suggested might have been PETE. GREEN asked AZIMOV for some information which AZIMOV recalled was probably concerning some industrial steel alloy. This information was furnished partly from his own knowledge and partly from the files of the Carnegie Illinois Steel Company.

AZIMOV related that he had briefly met GREEN occasionally in Berkeley, California. From the information obtained from CHAMBERS in an interview with AZIMOV on the West Coast, it would appear that PETE and KEITH are identical; that the PETE that CHAMBERS met on his trip to San Francisco is identical with the PETE GREEN that contacted AZIMOV in Chicago. It would also appear that PETE probably operated a Communist Party or underground parallel on the West Coast while he was there, and that AZIMOV was probably one of several persons from whom he obtained information for the apparatus. It would also appear that AZIMOV now takes on the role of a subject in this case, rather than an individual who might simply supply some information relative to the true identity of KEITH, alias PETE.

THOMAS G. SPENCER, SA

300 American Life Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama
January 19, 1949

SAC, New York

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was; ETAL
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your request in teletype today, attached hereto please find one photograph and one negative of a different view of BORIS ISRAEL who was arrested by the Birmingham PD as BLAINE OWENS on May 7, 1934 for investigation in connection with alleged Communist activities.

The following is a description of this individual as of that date:

Name	BORIS ISRAEL wa BLAINE OWENS
Height	5'6"
Weight	145
Build	Medium short
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Teeth	Good
Complexion	Ruddy
Occupation	Writer
Place of Birth	Columbus, Ohio
Birmingham PD No.	26566
FBI No.	786358

Very truly yours,

G. D. KING,
SAC

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to 100-12516 case
file on Boris Israel
per H. J. Ward
1/24/49*

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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COMPLAINT FORM

CATHERINE HISS
Subject's Name and Aliases

3030 O St. N.W. Washington D.C.
Address of Subject
Espionage R
Character of Case

Paul Shaskan
Name of Complainant

SHASKAN & Co. 40 Exchange Place
Address of Complainant
DIGBY - 4-4950
Telephone Number of Complainant
3:00 P.M. 1-20-49
Date and Time Complaint Received

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: Paul Shaskan - Partner, Shaskan & Co. was contacted by write on airtel, matter on 1-20-49. He advised that Shaskan & Co have a savings account in name of Catherine Hiss wife of Donald Hiss. They received this account from General & Co, 930 Bond Street on May 21, 1945. Account has been inactive for some several months according to Shaskan.

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

Of possible interest in Alger Hiss case.

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Shaskan
Special Agent #7
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York
January 20, 1949

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- ...MR. TRAHAN
- ...MR. ...
- ...NIGHT SUPERVISOR
- ...MR. ...
- ...MR. ...
- ...MR. SHANNON
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- ...MR. WATSON
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On January 20, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau called referring to our teletype of January 19, concerning the forthcoming interview with J. PETERS. Mr. Fletcher advised that we were authorized to serve the subpoena on PETERS as requested by Mr. Donegan.

Mr. Fletcher further referred to our teletype of January 18, relative to the desirability of interviewing LEIBER. He advised that we should go ahead and interview LEIBER and if Mr. Donegan desired us to serve a subpoena on LEIBER, we were authorized to do so.

Mr. Fletcher further suggested that we ascertain from WHITTAKER CHAMBERS what happened to the Leica camera that he used when he was photographing documents given to him by HISS in Baltimore and any other cameras he may have had.

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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
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The investigative file NY 65-1907 on DR. PAUL WILHEIM MASSING and HEDE MASSING and the informant files 62-9325 (DR. PAUL WILHEIM MASSING) and 62-9324 (HEDE MASSING) have been reviewed by the writer with a view towards abstracting therefrom any information which might form the basis for a lead in connection with the HISS-CHAMBERS investigation.

Below is set out the names of certain individuals who might be able to furnish some information in connection with this investigation; also there is set out a notation as to why the individual might be able to furnish information; a statement as to whether the individual is hostile, friendly, or otherwise; and a notation as to the file number, serial and page where information concerning the individual appears.

1. BERTRAM WOLFE and wife ELLA WOLFE, former communists who traveled with the set of Communist and pro-Communist intellectuals in New York, during the early and middle 1930's. The WOLFES may have known CHAMBERS and HISS. They are now anti-Communist and have been interviewed by SPECIAL AGENT JOHN WACKS, Section 7. (65-1907-60 p4)
2. JULIAN GUMPERT, former husband of HEDE MASSING. He was a Comintern agent. He had a number of associates among Communist intellectuals in this country during the 1930's. He may have known CHAMBERS and HISS. He is presently anti-Communist and is cooperative. He has a brokerage office in ROCKEFELLER CENTER. SPECIAL AGENT JOHN J. WARD has interviewed him. (65-1907-60 p 52)
3. JOSEPH FREEMAN and CHARLTON FREEMAN. Both were pro-Soviet during the 1930's and associated with pro-Soviet set of intellectuals in New York. Possibly knew CHAMBERS and HISS. The FREEMANS have broken with the Russians and are now anti-Soviet. They have been interviewed and were reasonably cooperative. (65-1907-60 p 57)

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4. ROGER BALDWIN, head of the AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION. He associated with a number of Communists and pro-Communists during the 1930's and may have known CHAMBERS and HISS. BALDWIN is presently anti-Communist and would be cooperative. He has not been interviewed in connection with communism or espionage. (65-1907-60-87)

5. REVEREND DONALD HARRINGTON and RAYMOND BRAGG, both of the UNITARIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE. REVEREND HARRINGTON is located at 40 East 35th Street, New York City and MR. BRAGG is with the committee in Boston. They had occasion to investigate NOEL FIELD and others in his staff in order to remove him from his job as head of the UNITARIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE in Europe. They may have developed some information relative to ALGER HISS who is a friend of NOEL FIELD. Both HARRINGTON and BRAGG would be cooperative. BRAGG has been interviewed by SPECIAL AGENT WILLIAM J. MC CARTHY JR. (65-1907-60 p 41)

6. OSCAR BERNSTEIN an attorney who is the law partner of PAUL O'DWYER. BERNSTEIN has been closely associated with Communists and Soviet agents for many years. He handled the bank accounts of two Soviet agents during the late 1930's. BERNSTEIN is still pro-Soviet and would probably be hostile. (65-1907-60 p 71)

7. WALTER CHARAZ, a New York business man. He operates a furniture store. He was developed by HEDE MASSING around 1934. He has been pro-Soviet for many years. He furnished an affidavit for a Soviet agent during the middle 1930's. CHARAZ was friendly with many Communist intellectuals and may have known CHAMBERS and HISS. He is still pro-Soviet and would probably be hostile. (65-1907-60, p 70)

8. NOEL FIELD and wife HERTHA FIELD. NOEL and HERTHA both know HISS and were friendly with him. NOEL worked as an agent for the Soviets during the middle 1930's, having been developed by HEDE MASSING and operated by DR. PAUL MASSING in Europe. NOEL and HERTHA are still pro-Soviet. They are presently residing in Switzerland. They probably would be hostile. (65-1907-60 p 72)

9. HERMAN FIELD, brother of NOEL FIELD, a fanatical Communist. He was so fanatical, according to DR. PAUL MASSING, that the latter would not use him in espionage. HERMAN is an architect. It is believed he is presently teaching in Ohio. He is still pro-Soviet and would probably be hostile. (65-1907-60 p 36)

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10. JEAN CLARK FIELD, former wife of HERMAN FIELD, presently married to SALL LIEBERMAN and residing in California. JEAN worked with DR. PAUL MASSING for Soviets in Europe in 1936. She is presently under investigation by Los Angeles office and is probably hostile. She may have met HISS through NOEL FIELD. (65-1907-60 p 36)

11. NINA FIELD, mother of NOEL FIELD, very pro-Soviet. She acted as a courier for DR. PAUL MASSING and carried messages to Germany from France. She probably met HISS through NOEL in Washington. She was an extremely sick woman a few years ago and was in a sanitarium. She may now be dead. She probably would be hostile. (65-1907-60 p 34)

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12. HELEN BLACK a pro-Soviet, is a registered agent and she runs SOVFOTO. She has been associated with the pro-Soviet intellectual set in New York for many years. HEDE MASSING, when operating for the Soviets during the middle 1930's, met many pro-Soviets through HELEN BLACK. HELEN BLACK may have known CHAMBERS and HISS. She is still connected with SOVFOTO and would probably be hostile. (65-1907-60 p 53)

WILLIAM J. MC CARTHY JR., SA

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Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases
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At 11:35 a.m., January 20, ASAC Lally, Baltimore, advised that he had received a phone call from JACK WARREN, former agent, now with the Dupont Company at Wilmington, Delaware. He stated that HAROLD ROSENWALD, apparently one of ALGER HISS' investigators, presently was at the New Jersey plant of Dupont requesting information similar to that which we had already obtained regarding the manufacture of microfilm, date of manufacture, etc., etc., and the question has arisen as to whether Dupont should turn over information to ROSENWALD. Mr. Lally said that they desired the matter referred to Mr. Donegan for an opinion. I asked him whether Dupont couldn't refuse to turn over this information without receiving a subpoena, which would not be an unusual stand to take. He stated that this had been considered, but in view of the excellent relations with Dupont it would be appreciated if the matter were referred to Mr. Donegan.

I called Mr. Lally back at 11:55 a.m. and advised him that I had called Mr. Donegan out of the Grand Jury to present this problem to him, and that he desired to consider the matter before rendering a decision. I told him I would call him back as soon as possible.

At 1:20 p.m., in the absence of Mr. Lally, I advised Agent Bauknight that Mr. Donegan felt that he could not advise the Dupont people to refuse to turn over the requested information to ROSENWALD inasmuch as he did not want to have the Government charged with hampering defense efforts; that he mentioned that he could see no reason why Dupont could not, if it so desired and without any such advice coming from him, refuse to turn over the information without a subpoena.

A. J. TUOHY,
Special Agent

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